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Want More Wild Ducks Next Fall?

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON!

WASHINGTON reports a very encouraging INCREASE IN WATERFOWL—shown by the annual waterfowl inventory in wintering areas. This is good news to the duck hunters—makes them visualize the good shooting they might get NEXT FALL! If YOU want MORE DUCKS to stop, STAY and feed on your ducking grounds next fall, RIGHT NOW is the time to plant the feeding grounds that will bring them in.

PLANT NOW - FEED DUCKS NEXT FALL!

Listed below and on the following pages, are some of the BEST and most attractive natural LEGAL, EASY-TO-GROW and EASY-TO-PLANT natural foods for both marsh and diving ducks. NOW READY for prompt shipment. Included are duck foods for practically EVERY LOCALITY and condition found throughout the U.S. and Canada.

EASY TO PLANT

The roots and tubers of duck foods growing in marshy, wet places and a few inches of water are usually merely shoved down into the soil by hand, or with forked end of a stick, or other handy implement. Roots and tubers planted in a foot or more water, are weighted, then taken out and dropped into the water. You can weight these following instructions we furnish, or if you wish, we'll weight roots and tubers for you. Note prices quoted on weighted roots and tubers. ALL ROOTS and TUBERS CAN BE WEIGHTED, if desired, to save you time and make your whole planting easier, at \$5 per 1000; 50c per 100 unless otherwise quoted.

PLANTINGS CARRIED OUT

Services of competent man, with over 25 years experience making duck, fish and game food plantings, furnished, if desired, to carry out complete plantings, at very reasonable cost. Tell us what you want to plant, send map or sketch of areas to be planted so we can judge area to be covered and work involved. and we'll quote you a lump sum covering planting materials, and complete services carrying out your plantings. We can also examine your property and lay out plans for planting, should you want or need this help.

SAGO POND PLANT (Potamogeton pectinatus)

One of the best all-around foods in North America. Canvasbacks, Redheads, Mallards, Pintails, Black Ducks, Wild Geese, Swan, and many other waterfowl eagerly feed on the seeds, tender tubers and all parts of plant. Food and shelter for fish.

Plant throughout the U.S. and Canada in hard fresh, brackish or alkaline water, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 ft. deep, on sandy or mud soil. Stands considerable current and wave action. Carp-resistant.

EASY TO PLANT by merely dropping weighted tubers into shallow water, using 1000 per acre. TUBERS: 1000—\$19; 100—\$2.50. WEIGHTED TUBERS: 1000-\$24; 100-\$3.

WILD DUCK MILLET (Echinochloa)

Food for Wild Ducks, Geese, Quail, Partridge, Song Birds.

Easy to grow. Sow on moist shores, lowlands, mud flats, during spring and early summer. 100 lbs. \$15.00; 20 lbs. (sow one acre) \$3.75. Smaller lots 25c lbs.

WAPATO DUCK POTATO (Sagittaria latifolia)

Wild ducks of all kinds, and Canada Geese feed eagerly on the seeds and tender tubers or ' toes" this plant produces in abundance. Makes food over long season, until the freezeup. Stands drought and fluctuating water levels.



EASY TO GROW - shove tubers down into marshy, wet soil, mud or sand, and up to 12 in. water, using 1000 per acre. Very hardy throughout U.S. and Canada. Quick-growing. GRADE A-1 TUBERS: 1000—\$15; 100—\$2.50.

DEEP WATER DUCK POTATO (Sagittaria rigida)

The tubers this plant produces in abundance are favorite food of Bluebills and other diving ducks: marsh ducks also feed on it eagerly, and where beds of it grow, you will always find wild ducks congregating. Furnishes food until freeze-up. Grows in 1 to 3 ft. water, on soft mud bottom, slow-flowing streams, ponds, lakes, marshes. Plant 1000 per acre.

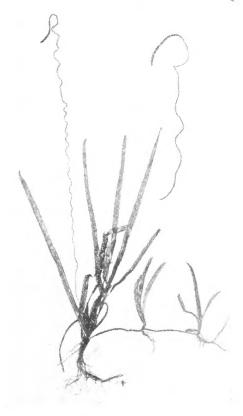
Grade A-1 TUBERS: 1000-\$20; 100-\$2.50.

WEIGHTED TUBERS, ready to drop into water: 1000-\$24; 100-\$3.

WILD CELERY (Vallisneria spiralis)

Famous Bluebill, Redhead, Canvasback food, also eaten by Mallards, Pintails and other ducks. Good

fish food and shelter; oxygenator. EASY TO PLANT-drop weighted roots into 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. hard fresh, or slightly brackish, fairly clear, changing water on mud, sandy, coarse silt bottom. Stands some waves and current. The thickened winter-buds that grow on the ends of many runners produced by each plant, are the most valuable part of Wild Celery to Redheads, Bluebills, Canvasbacks; leaves and seeds eaten by many ducks. Strong roots; 1000 (plant 1-A.) \$14; 100-\$2.25. WEIGHTED (see "Easy to Plant," above) ROOTS: 1000-\$19; per 100-\$2.50.



Wild Celery Note How It Reproduces



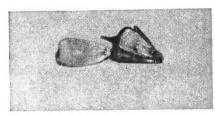


THREE-SQUARE BULRUSH

(Scirpus americanus)

Very hardy thruout U.S. and Canada, in fresh, brackish, moderately al-

kaline locations. Produces abundance of seeds, eagerly eaten by over NINETEEN KINDS OF DUCKS, as well as Wild Geese. Good cover. Shove roots down into soil, in 4 to 12 in. water. Stands drought. ROOTS: 1000 (plants 1 acre) \$22; 100—\$3.



Illustrating Actual Size Bur Reed Seed and Corn

GIANT BUR REED

(Sparganium eurycarpum)

A valuable duck food and cover plant, producing seeds much like kernels of corn,

which provide very attractive food for some TWENTY SPECIES OF DUCKS, Wild Geese. Mallards and Black Ducks especially fond of it. Grows thruout U.S. and Southern Canada in fresh waters 1 to 10 in. deep, and in marshy, wet places. Stands drought. Holds banks, dams. ROOTS: 1000 (plant 1 acre) \$20; 100—\$2.75. SPECIAL—3,000 or more \$18 per 1000.

HORNED POND PLANT (Zannichellia palustris)

A great duck food wherever planted throughout the U.S. and Canada. Adapted to wide range of conditions. Grows in ponds, lakes, streams, springs in 1 to 3 ft. fresh, brackish, salt, alkaline waters. Does best on mud bottom, but has grown on sandy soil. Persists in spite of carp. Plant 10 bu. per A. PLANTS, bu., \$4; 5 bu., \$19; 10 bu., \$36. Furnished year-round.

DUCKS MEATS

Ducks Meats are often considered superior even to wild rice, since they furnish food from spring to fall (feed ducklings and nesting ducks, as well as fall ducks); have a rapid rate of increase; are EASY TO PLANT, since they are merely scattered broadcast in water. Duck stomachs examined show that SEVENTEEN or more species of ducks feed on DUCKS MEATS. Large concentrations of Black Ducks noted feeding where these were the sole foods.

Ducks Meats float in the water, hence grow over any bottom. Scatter in sheltered, quiet waters; or among reeds, rushes, among which plants will anchor.

FRESH PLANTS shipped daily from spring to freeze-up, starting about June 1st. Iced when necessary to insure arrival in good condition. Stand shade.

STAR (Submerged) DUCKS MEAT, floats submerged; in either hard or soft water. Sow 10 bu. per acre.

SURFACE FLOATING DUCKS MEAT floats on surface of water. Sow 5 bushels per acre.

PLANTS, either variety, Bu.—\$3; 10 bu. \$2.50 per bu.; 25 bu. or more \$2.00 per bu.

ELODEA (Carp-resisting)

Quick-growing duck and fish food. Ducks eat seeds (small fruits) and leaves. Our guaranteed fresh plants produce vigorous growth. Plant in 1 to 8 ft. water, on mud, loam bottom. \$3 per bu.; 10 bu. (plant 1 A.), \$25; 25 bu. or more \$2.00 per bu.

COONTAIL (Ceratophyllum)

Famous Mallard attraction. The seeds (fruits) of Coontail were found in stomachs of TWENTY-THREE species of wild ducks examined. Foliage of Coontail also eaten. Grows submerged, over any bottom soil. Excellent natural fish food and shelter plant. Valuable for baby fish. Stands shade.

FRESH GREEN PLANTS, shipped daily, starting about June 1st. ICED when necessary. Bu. \$3; 10 bu. (sow 1 acre) \$25; 25 bu. or more \$2.00 per bu.

Giant Wild Rice Brings in the Ducks!

One of the most famous and best known of the natural foods for wild ducks is the Wild Rice.

Mallards, Pintails, Black Ducks, Teal, Wild Canada Geese and other waterfowl fly hundreds of miles to beds of Wild Rice, where they feast eagerly on the ripened grain. Excellent cover.

Giant Wild Rice grows in a few inches to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. fresh water, with sufficient change to prevent stagnancy, on mud or muck bottom. Do not plant it south of San Francisco, Calif. - Savannah, Ga.

Large fully-ripened seed of HIGH GERMINATION, FOR FALL DELIVERY (shipment at harvest time) \$15 per bushel (30 lbs., sows 1 acre); smaller lots 60c per pound FOB Oshkosh. Postpaid 90c per pound.

FOR SPRING & Early Summer planting: YOUNG PLANTS—plant 1500 per acre. 1000—\$15; 100—\$2.50. These will mature and produce seed NEXT FALL!



Giant Wild Rice Flower, Leaf and Seed Head

Sprouted Seeds Showing High Germination

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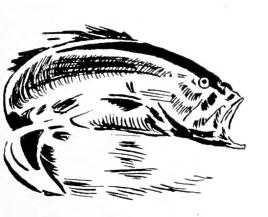
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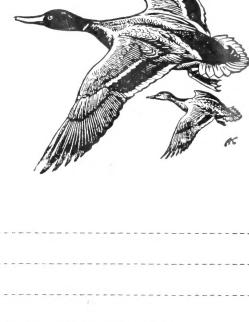
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If you want anything that grows in or around water areas—anything that makes food for wildlife, not listed herein, write us. We furnish many items not listed, and if we do not have what you want, you can be sure we will do our best to get it for you.

WATERS AND MARSHES EXAMINED

Planting Plans, Recommendations Made
Plantings Supervised and Carried Out





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What Brings Them In?

Naturally, they're looking for something to Eat! Department of Agriculture



Wild ducks MUST EAT! Like men, they go where they can find the foods they love—their natural foods—Wild Celery, Sago Pond Plant, Wild Rice, Bulrushes, Ducks Meats, Duck Potatoes, etc.

Wild Life Foods good hunting — our customers tell us —

"A flight of Northern ducks came in and cleaned out our Duck Potato. (We should plant a lot more.) I guess it had plenty of value as duck food. Also the Muskgrass is doing fine. Had one of the finest shoots I have had in 25 years. Bagged my limit of Mallards in 18 minutes."—S. J., San Francisco, California.

"The two bushels of Wild Rice, and the Wild Celery were planted in shallows near the inlet . . . we had more ducks in there this fall than the total seen during the last five years."—A. W., Massachusetts.

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